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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL

GSA TIN SALES

1. MINISTER OF MINES GENERAL JOSE ANTONIO ZELAYA CALLED EMBASSY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT INFORMATION HE HAD JUST RECEIVED IN CABLE FROM COMIBOL REP IN NEW YORK. COMIBOL REP INFORMED MINISTER THAT GSA HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SELL 28,000 MT OF TIN. MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH PRESIDENT BANZER WHO WOULD IN TURN TALK TO AMBASSADOR STEDMAN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WHICH SPELLS SO MUCH CONCERN FOR BOLIVIA.

2. MINATT EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY HAD NO INFORMATION ON NEW GSA AUTHORIZATION TO SELL TIN FROM STOCKPILE. HE SAID BILL HAS BEEN PENDING IN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE SALE OF 28,000 MT BY GSA BUT EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THIS BILL HAS BEEN PASSED. MINATT SAID EVEN IF BILL IS PASSED THE GSA WILL CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF SELLING TIN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON MARKET. HE

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INFORMED MINISTER THAT MORE INFORMATION WOULD BE

REQUESTED FROM WASHINGTON.

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE APPROACH BY PRESIDENT
BANZER TO AMBASSADOR STEDMAN ON SUBJECT OF NEW GSA
TIN SALE AUTHORIZATION, DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO
PROVIDE LATEST INFORMATION ON STATUS OF BILL BEFORE
CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE SALE 28,000 MT OF TIN.
STEDMAN

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